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REMARKS

Claims 1 to 18 are pending in this application, of which claims 1, 9 and 14 are independent.

This amendment is being filed to change language included in the Examiner's amendments to claims 9 and 14 that accompanied the notice of allowance. That language has been incorporated into the existing claims without strikethroughs or underlines.

The changes are not believed to affect the claims' patentability. With regard to the "perform the steps of" language, Applicants have deleted that, since it not believed to be grammatically correct. That is, each element following the colon in claims 9 and 14 is written without an "ing" ending (e.g., receive vs. receiving). For "the steps of" language to be grammatically correct, each element would need to be written using the "ing" ending. Language similar to that shown above, "to...receive, register", etc. has been used in numerous other allowed patents, such as 6,827,578, and is believed to be proper.

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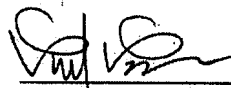
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